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"I submit, as a proposition that cannot be controverted, that no man can be exalted in the presence of God and attain to a fulness of glory and happiness in His kingdom and presence, save and except he will obey the plan that God has devised and revealed."—
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A WAY TO HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY

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FIRST, "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

The plan of living followed by this people is to be found in the account of Christ's life, and that of His followers in the New Testament. Many details and instructions have been added by modern revelation, for of necessity a plan of action must be adapted to the understanding of man, and to the time and conditions in which he lives.

Early in the history of the Church, its Articles of Faith were published. These are believed and followed to-day. This statement appears at the close of this pamphlet, and is here briefly summarized as follows:

The first principle is, belief in "God the Eternal Father and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost." The next is a belief that men are responsible only for their own sins; and further, a belief that all mankind may be saved through the atonement of Christ, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel, which include as fundamentals; first, "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The Church follows the organization of the primitive church; believes in its gifts and powers, and believes that God will continue to lead His Church through revelation until ultimately He will reign personally upon the earth.

The members claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God

according to the dictates of their own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege. They declare their belief in being subject to the governments under which they live, and in obeying, honouring and sustaining the law.

The last Article of Faith is as follows: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, we believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."

Can such a statement of religious belief be at the same time a plan for social and economic living? Can it be claimed to be the motivating cause of the accomplishments described in this treatise? Can it be the spur to energy referred to by Doctor Carver?

The first belief of this Church has to do with faith in God, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. Such a faith includes a belief in man's immortality, his relationship to eternity, and his possibility of receiving help from God for his own advancement through personal achievement and service to others. Such a faith will cause the believer to accept certain responsibilities to his family, his neighbours and society. It will also cause him to act for himself in such a way as will best prepare him to be a recipient of help from the Supreme Power.

IMMORTALITY OF MAN

For example, as already indicated, the Latter-day Saint believes that he is immortal, that he once lived and functioned as an entity in a pre-existent spiritual world in association with other immortal and eternal spirits. He also believes that he is on earth to gain further knowledge and experience which can come only through the peculiar environments under which he now exists, and that he will ultimately become a glorified personage of the same nature as was demonstrated to the disciples by the Master on the morning of the resurrection. Thus Joseph Smith declared that "The Glory of God is Intelligence;" "A man is saved no faster than he gets knowledge;" and that all the knowledge which one obtains here will be his for eternity. He taught that those who have superior power in this life, because of greater intelligence and knowledge, will likewise be superior and will have advantages over those with less intelligence in the world to come.

Furthermore, the Gospel teaches that there rests upon each person the responsibility of teaching the plan of life to others. "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God. . . . And how great is His joy in the soul that repenteth! Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people. And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto

this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of My Father! And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of My Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me." From a Revelation to Joseph Smith, the Prophet, Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer, given at Fayette, New York, June, 1829, Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 18: 10, 13-16.

The incentive to personal achievement and social service to a person holding such beliefs is evident.

The members of the Church believe that one of the purposes of earth life is to become a parent, and that family relations continue in eternity. For this reason the Latter-day Saint is married for time and for eternity, and for this reason, as well as others, parents do all things possible to keep their children physically and morally clean, and give them every available opportunity for personal advancement and service. Furthermore, according to his belief, the moral and physical condition of the body and spirit largely determine the rate of progress, or salvation, which one may attain. He thereby may live longer, function more efficiently, and give superior inherited opportunities to his offspring. The Latter-day Saint believes that in order to attain the highest values of life, one must first give proper care to his body, for it is the tabernacle of the spirit, and the Spirit of the Lord cannot function in an unclean tabernacle.

THE WORD OF WISDOM

Thus, in February, 1833, early in the history of this Church, instructions for proper living were given by revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith. These instructions have guided his followers since that time. There is no evidence to show that they came solely from the wisdom of the young prophet-leader, who was barely twenty-seven years old, and who could have known but little of the meager information then available concerning the laws of health and living.

It is interesting to note the exact wording of the first three verses of this revelation, which is as follows:

A Word of Wisdom, for the benefit of the Council of High Priests, assembled in Kirtland, and the Church, and also the saints in Zion—to be sent greeting; not by commandment or constraint, but by revelation and the word of wisdom, showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all saints in the last days—given for a principle with promise, adapted to the capacity of the weak and the weakest of all saints, who are or can be called saints.

The positive and negative teachings of this revelation have been summarized as follows by Dr. John A. Widtsoe, an Apostle of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and formerly President of the Agricultural College and the University of Utah.

POSITIVE TEACHINGS OF THE WORD OF WISDOM

“The Word of Wisdom is concerned largely with the nature of the food and drink taken into the body.

1. *The Moderate Use of Meat.* The flesh of animals should be used sparingly, chiefly in cold weather.

2. *The Liberal Use of Fruit.* Fruits of all kinds, especially fresh fruits, should be a regular part of the human dietary.

3. *The Regular Use of Vegetables.* All the recognized edible vegetables, leafy, root and tuber, should be eaten daily. The leafy vegetables and some of the others should be eaten in their fresh state.

4. *The Basic Use of Grains.* The daily dietary should include as its basis, properly prepared grains. The whole wheat kernel should be ground for bread or porridge. Refined flour should be avoided; whole meal used. All grains are good foods, but wheat is best for the use of man. Other seeds and nuts also form valuable foods.

5. *Health-Giving Beverages.* Pure, fresh water should be drunk freely, at arising and between meals throughout the day. Milk, fruit juices and grain extracts, notably of bran and barley, should supplement the intake of pure water in supplying the body with the necessary liquid.

6. *Proper Periods of Sleep.* The body should be invigorated by regular, preferable early sleep, ending in early morning.

7. *Habits of Regular Work and Play.* Health requires regular and steady physical labour and intellectual effort.

8. *A Correct Mental Attitude.* Faith, hope, charity, and a constant seeking after the truth of life and the universe with a determination to accept it when found, form the foundation blocks for good health. A sound religious philosophy is a prerequisite for perfect health.

NEGATIVE TEACHINGS OF THE WORD OF WISDOM

Injurious drink and food must be avoided. That is quite as important as to eat good foods.

1. *Abstinence from all Alcoholic Drinks.* Beer, wines and stronger drinks should be eliminated, completely, from human use. The proper physiological use of alcohol is for the washing of the body in disease.

2. *Abstinence from the Use of Tobacco.* In no form and at no time of life should tobacco be used. Tobacco has its proper place in medicine and among the destructive poisons.

3. *Abstinence from the Use of Tea, Coffee and Similar Substances.* All drinks containing substances that are unnaturally stimulating should be eliminated from the human dietary.

4. *Avoidance of Refined Foods.* Refined foods have been robbed of many of the elements most needed by the body.

5. *The Craving for Undesirable Food or Drink May Be Overcome.* The desire for the things enumerated in the negative teachings of the Word of Wisdom is unnatural, resulting from non-conformity with the positive teachings. If the Word of Wisdom be practiced in full, the craving for alcohol, tobacco and other stimulants will disappear.

SCIENTIFIC CONFIRMATION OF THE WORD OF WISDOM

The recent great advance of science has shown the correctness of the teachings of the Word of Wisdom.

Physical health is chiefly a matter of blood chemistry. Whole grains, vegetables and fruits supply the necessary mineral and other substances necessary to maintain a proper blood reaction.

Vitamins enable the body to effect the physiological transformations necessary for good health, and must be present in every complete dietary. Word of Wisdom foods provide all the essential and necessary vitamins. The various fruits contain vitamin C; vegetables and milk products, vitamins A, C, and D; and grains, nuts and other edible seeds, vitamin B.

Alcohol has been shown to be a physiological poison; the deadly poison nicotine has been found in tobacco; and coffee and tea contain the injurious substances caffeine (theine) and tannic acid.

A mind at peace has been shown to favour physical well-being.

The Word of Wisdom is everywhere in full accord with the latest findings of science."

SECOND—REPENTANCE

The second step in the plan, namely, repentance, is the logical sequence of the first. After one has faith that his relationship to God and eternity, to his family and society are such as have been described, he will want to study his conduct of life to see if it hurts and hinders his ability to progress through personal achievement and service to others. He will regard his body as the sacred tabernacle of his eternal spirit, and he will aim to keep it free from anything detrimental to its highest functioning power. He will try to live in such a way as will open opportunities for him to attain health, happiness and prosperity.

Repentance is a constant effort of the believer to conform his life to the laws of nature, or the laws of God. To sin is to break a law of nature, of society, or of God. To be damned is to be stopped in eternal progress by not conforming to these laws. Repentance necessarily includes the seeking to understand and to comprehend all laws of life. Such laws necessarily include economic and social rules of conduct. For example, how does one conduct himself to attain the greatest health and the greatest

economic income from his efforts? What are the laws of society and the government under which he lives?

Repentance to the Latter-day Saints is an intelligent understanding of all the laws of life, and a constant effort to live in harmony with them.

THIRD—BAPTISM BY IMMERSION FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS

The third principle of the Church, Baptism, appears at first to have less significance in an economic and social plan of living than the preceding principles of faith and repentance. It may be noted, however, that all social organizations have a prescribed method of entrance and certain requirements for initiation and membership. Thus Fraternal organizations have their methods of initiation, and governments make certain formal requirements for aliens to become citizens. In fact, all groups have their distinctive marks of membership.

When one conforms to the initiatory requirements of a group he feels entitled to the benefits of membership and considers himself one with his fellows. This psychological effect upon the individual is a sufficient reason for the ordinance of baptism. Baptism, however, as explained by revealed religion, is a covenant made by man with his Heavenly Father, through which he obtains the remission of his sins. Afterwards he need no longer harbour regrets for past conduct, on the other hand he may look forward with hope to a better life of opportunities for eternal progress.

FOURTH—LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

The fourth initial step in the Gospel or the plan of salvation, is the bestowal upon the member of the Gift of the Holy Ghost. This is the distinctive principle of the Christian Church.

After the disciples had been convinced by the Master that He was a resurrected immortal Being, the very Eternal Son of God, and after He had commanded them to carry the Gospel message to all the world, He told them to remain in Jerusalem, before beginning their labours, until they received the Gift of the Holy Ghost. On the Day of Pentecost this great Gift came to them. What it is can be known only by those who possess it. In part, it may be understood by others as it is reflected in their lives. Thus Peter, who thrice denied the Christ, before he received this power from on High, was able to withstand persecution after receiving this power, and finally accepted death in his determination to be faithful to His Master. In a modified form, this spiritual force is possessed by all the children of God. It is the unseen power that helps all men to seek after God and His righteousness.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints claims that it is the restored Gospel of the Master, and as such, possesses the right

to administer the Gospel ordinances. Therefore, those who believe and accept baptism will have the right to receive the greater gift of the Holy Ghost as it was possessed by the disciples of the Primitive Church. Joseph Smith boldly declared that those who believed in his statements of the restoration of the Gospel, and who received the ordinance of baptism, would, in accordance with their faith, receive this Gift and power from God. Hundreds of thousands of converts testify that this promise has been fulfilled in their lives.

The following excerpt from modern revelation contains promises of help for eternal progress which its members have through the possession of this spiritual power.

For thus saith the Lord—I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honour those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end. Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory. . . . And their wisdom shall be great, and their understanding reach to heaven; and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught. For by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will—yea, even those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man. (Doctrine and Covenants 76: 5, 6, 9, 10.)

A SACRED ORDINANCE

Inasmuch as the gift of the Holy Ghost, or the possession of this spiritual help, is such an important part of the plan, there has been provided by the Saviour Himself methods by which His disciples may be in a position constantly to possess this power. For this purpose Jesus taught His disciples to pray always, and in addition established a definite ordinance for them to follow, patterned after the Lord's Supper. The importance and significance of this ordinance has been revealed to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Book of Mormon, and in modern revelation. Members of the Church are asked to partake of this Sacrament often, and usually do so each Sabbath Day. No believer can thoughtfully and sincerely repeat to himself the prayer and the covenant of this ordinance without receiving a profound impression of its sacredness and significance. It is as follows:

O God, the Eternal Father, we ask Thee in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it; that they may eat in remembrance of the body of Thy Son, and witness unto Thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of Thy Son, and always remember Him, and keep His commandments which He has given them; that they may always have His Spirit to be with them. Amen.

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EDITORIAL

WHAT THINK YOU OF YOUR CALLING?

SINCE the opening of auxiliary work throughout the Mission, reports come that a splendid force of men and women have been called to teach in the different Church organizations. Such a condition is indeed encouraging, and augurs well for the development of faith in the hearts of the people, and for a greater knowledge of those principles that affect their physical, moral and spiritual growth.

Could greater honour come to men and women in this world than has come to those who have been called to be teachers in this Church? What think you of your calling? Do you feel that God has chosen you for this ministry? Has it stirred your souls with gratitude? Have you accepted it with thankfulness? Do you find joy in this service? Is there a longing in your hearts to fully qualify yourselves for this calling? Would you write your names in human hearts? Is there a prayer in your inmost souls that you may sense the joy that comes to those who have helped to save God's children? Would you have those you teach in years to come arise and call you blessed? In that great day, when we shall all stand before the Father to be judged for our deeds on earth, would you like to have the supreme joy of hearing the members of your classes say, "Father, he saved us, and brought us to thee!"

To be called to feed immortal souls the bread of life, and give them a drink that shall forever quench their thirst, and be to them a well of water springing up to everlasting life—what ministry among God's children could be more sacred! When this honour first came to one of the leaders of the Church, then a boy sixteen years of age, his call brought such joy that he ran all the way home and cried out, "Oh, mother! I am a teacher in the Sunday School!" To him it was a crown of glory, and that night he knelt and thanked his Father in heaven that he was worthy to wear it.

Does that all-embracing question which Jesus put to Peter, ring in your ears, "Lovest thou me more than these?" and can you answer, "Yea, Lord!" as Peter did? Then you are worthy to feed His lambs. With that answer on your lips, you may be sure that God has called and anointed you to be teachers in His Church, and the measure of your ability to feed His lambs is the measure of your love for Him.

We sometimes sing, "Oh, it is wonderful that He should care for me, enough to die for me!" The faithful teacher of the lambs of Christ hears as a refrain to his song the voice of the Master saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

There is an old story of how the great ones came to Zeus, the Grecian God, in order that the greatest among them might be crowned. In the background humbly stood the man who had been their teacher. He was there to see which of his pupils would receive the coveted honour. To the surprise of all, Zeus commanded: "Crown the faithful teacher; he is the greatest of all, for he made them all great." Would you wear that crown, the crown of the faithful teacher? All these honours may be yours, if you measure up to your possibilities as teachers in the organizations of this Church. All of you may attain this glorious reward of your labours, if you will prepare yourselves and consecrate your lives to this holy service.

And to you teachers in the Sunday School and the Primary—yes, you especially! How you should love the little ones placed in your care. Seek to know and be like them, for when you are in their presence, you are in the Kingdom of Heaven. They have so recently come, "with trailing clouds of glory," from their pre-existent home, that we may hear the rustle of the robes of the angels who brought them here. And if we listen more closely, we may hear the voices of those heavenly beings saying, "Guard them well, and bring them back to us." If these become convinced of your sincere love for them and your interest in their spiritual welfare, then you will surely succeed in reaching their hearts.

Let this season's work be the greatest in your lives. Let the results be unprecedented and consecrate yourselves anew to the service of the Master, and great shall be your reward in heaven.—J. H. W.

NEW "IMPROVEMENT ERA" EDITOR

ELDER HARRISON R. MERRILL, professor of journalism at the Brigham Young University of Provo, Utah, and widely known in literary circles of the western part of the United States for his books, short stories and magazine articles, has been appointed editor of the *Improvement Era* to succeed the late Elder Hugh J. Cannon.

The principal qualifications of the new editor are his love of writing, and his keen insight into the problems of youth, about which many of his stories and articles have been written.

Under the qualified leadership of Elder Merrill, the *Improvement Era* will continue to grow and satisfy the desire of its many readers.

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Through this he reminds himself of his covenant to remember God and to keep His commandments. In return, because of this covenant, God promises to give him the sustaining force of His Holy Spirit. Such procedure has a profound psychological effect upon the members. Thus, daily by prayer, and weekly through partaking of the Sacrament, the Latter-day Saint is renewed in his determination to follow the Gospel plan of salvation to better health, prosperity and happiness.

It may well be asked, what are the further organizations of the Church; what are its plans to help its members from day to day, week to week, throughout their lives? This question will not be answered in this treatise except to say that there have been formed in this Church many organizations which furnish opportunities for self-help and development for each member of the Church, both men and women, from the time a child is entered on the cradle roll in the Sunday School until he passes in old age from this life to eternal life. The methods and plans of these organizations are being continually improved through the years. They are considered by many investigators as being important contributions in the field of educational, social and religious service. Through them the Church furnishes opportunities each day for personal achievement and service in worship, in study, in leisure and in work, thus creating sources of true happiness and progress—the greatest good.

FRUITS OF A PRIMARY

ELDER CLEON H. KERR

THE Bible class assembled as usual in the daily routine of the school. This particular class was opened for the students to ask and answer questions pertaining to the teachings of the Scriptures. Numerous questions were asked, but few children responded to offer explanations for the various inquiries. However, among those who gave answers was a young boy who had had several months training in a Primary. His answers were simple and concise, and unfaltering they came forth from his inner self. As the class proceeded the questions became more difficult and one by one the students failed to raise their hands. Finally, one young man stood alone, the burden of the questions resting upon his shoulders. The answers he gave were those that he had received to his problems in Primary. Equipped with truth he bravely gave his answers to the questions of his fellow-students.

The pure childish knowledge that he had gleaned from his

primary lessons was the foundation upon which he formulated his explanations. Question after question he answered, until all of his class-mates had been satisfied. Once again truth rang triumphant as it fell from the lips of a child. A spirit of satisfaction rested upon the room. Not only did the young boy touch the hearts of his school mates, but the master of the class hailed him as the student having the best conception and the greatest knowledge of the teachings of the Bible.

If several months' training in a primary will equip a child to answer the questions that arise in young minds, how high the goal, how great the glory that will come to a person who will strive diligently under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and power of the Holy Priesthood of God?

A FAMILY OF PRIMARY CHILDREN

THE Primary is one of the greatest means of teaching the Gospel to children. Brother and Sister Anders P. Andersen's family of Egeskov, Fyn., is the first Home Primary in the Danish Mission. These people are living many miles from a branch, but the Primary has come to them as the only means of giving their children a religious education. These children are gaining a knowledge and testimony of the Gospel.



A HOME PRIMARY, DANISH MISSION

There are twelve children in the family, one of them being in the hospital at the time the above picture was taken. These children are either members or have been blessed in the Church. There are two sets of twins. This is a remarkable family group. It is seldom that a Home Primary is made up of children all from one family.

DINNER

ELDER JOSEPH D. McALLISTER, LEEDS DISTRICT

IT WAS ONE O'CLOCK, the little village seemed to portray the genial after-dinner feeling. Men going back to work—those who had work, and those who forgot to grumble about it if they did not—were laughing and giving gentle advice to the children who on their way to school, continually managed to get between their legs with doll-prams, hoops, or games of tag. The young girls returning to the mill chatted and giggled about things much more important than depressions, taxes, tariffs, and changes in governments. A delivery-boy on his cycle ran down the doll-pram of a conscientious little mother who burst into tears at the sight of the horrible catastrophe, but was soon bribed into smiles by a penny, some sympathy, and the assurance that dolly had not been wakened and the carriage was without damage.

The day was one of those termed by the foreigner "typically English:" warm, a clear sky, invigorating, and a certain something else, not nameable, which makes men both young and old write poetry, dream dreams, and seek to rend the veil that obscures their vision of tomorrow. It seems that food and a fine day tend greatly to man's happiness. Is it not so?

Just so do faith, repentance, baptism, the Gifts of the Spirit (used in the right proportion), and service in the Church give us spiritual health. Spiritual powers play a great part in our daily and eternal program of full health. They are as the atmosphere with sunlight. First comes love, which warms the soul into working order, making of a house a home, of a man a friend and brother, and a sacrifice into a redemption. Then comes freedom, which by the use of good laws, protects man from sin and sin-laden environment. It is as a clear sky with plenty of light in which to work. Next comes labour, made easy by the other named influence, man's best tool for extracting happiness from to-day and preparing for joy and happiness to-morrow.

What we eat, how we eat, and the conditions under which we eat, tend to further our physical well-being. There is a "Word of Wisdom" in spiritual things, also.

Our daily lives are divided into short periods, so that we can work and progress without being confused by the infinite number of forces with which we should otherwise have to contend. Each day presents a problem the answer of which is used in the next day's problem and carried through each day of our lives until we write the final answer, to find whether we are ahead or behind. After that, we shall have our problem checked by the Master Teacher to see if we have "fudged" or cheated. No problem has ever been solved without first having a knowledge of the figures in the problem and an understanding of the problem itself.

In the spiritual world that knowledge is the Gospel, our guide for earth life. Christ said of His body that it was both meat and drink indeed. His body is the Church, and is so encompassing that it comprises all the truths which are to be found and used by the men and women who live them. There are physical laws and spiritual laws that all men should understand and live, to find true happiness in life.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE Liverpool District Conference, held at the Co-operative Hall, 162 Walton Road, Liverpool, on Sunday, October 25th, was thoroughly enjoyed and will long be remembered by the saints and their friends of the District.

In attendance at the conference were the following officers and leaders: Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis, of the European Mission; Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, president of the European Mission Relief Societies; Elders Arnold D. White, Welden C. Roberts and Milton S. Musser, of the European Mission Office; Mission President and Sister A. William Lund, of the British Mission Office; District President Gordon B. Taylor (released), President Rock M. Kirkham, and Elders Paul B. Larsen, Wayne H. Nielsen, Hyrum W. Eckersley, William L. Stephens, Clifford L. Ashton, Franklin J. Bradshaw, James E. Ball, Marlow V. Wootton and Walter Burke Jones, all of the Liverpool District; Elder Percy L. Matthews, London District; Elder Leon H. Whiting, Welsh District; Elder Marion J. Olson, Hull District; Elders Joseph D. McAllister and Donald Ipson, Leeds District.

During the morning session of the conference, a chorus was rendered by the Sunday School children of the Liverpool Branch. The men and women separated and received their respective Priesthood and Auxiliary instructions from President Lund Patriarch Wallis and Sister Widtsoe, Sister Wallis and Sister Lund. Both groups were exhorted to diligence and faithfulness in the work of the Lord.

The afternoon session was featured by a pageant, "Salvation for the Dead," which impressively depicted the Lord's teachings of this doctrine. Many testimonies of the saints were strengthened as the pageant revealed the marvelous opportunity of salvation for dear ones who did not have the privilege of hearing the Gospel while on the earth. Elder Rock M. Kirkham was appointed and sustained by the vote of the members to succeed President Gordon B. Taylor, as president of the Liverpool District.

The many members and friends who attended the evening services were thrilled and edified by the inspirational addresses given by Patriarch Wallis, President Lund and Sister Widtsoe, who clearly expounded Gospel truths.

A special Elders' meeting was held Monday morning, following the conference. The leaders encouraged the missionaries in their services to God, and bore fervent testimonies to the divinity of this work.

Due to many applications for blessings, it was necessary to hold a special meeting on Monday afternoon, at Preston, for the members of the Northern Section of the District. Forty-seven of the sixty-eight applicants received blessings from Patriarch Wallis, and the members were made to rejoice in the blessings of the Lord on this happy occasion. Those who did not receive blessings will have to wait until next conference.

An unfortunate and tragic occurrence was the passing of Sister Ethel Shorrock Bradbury while on her way to the conference. She fell from a motor cycle, and was fatally injured. Sister Bradbury is the daughter of Brother and Sister James Shorrock, and was recently married to Brother Fred Bradbury. She was a faithful member and an active and ardent worker in the Church. Funeral services were held October 29th, at the Shorrock home, under the direction of Branch President Walter Thompson. Elders Gordon B. Taylor and Walter Burke Jones gave consoling addresses. Interment was in the Blackburn Cemetery. President Rock M. Kirkham dedicated the grave. The members and friends of the District mourn the loss of Sister Bradbury, and extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

ELDER PAUL B. LARSEN, District Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Appointment and Release: On October 25th, Elder Rock M. Kirkham was appointed President of the Liverpool District, succeeding President Gordon B. Taylor, honourably released.

Transfer: Elder John Bunderson was transferred from the Hull to the Portsmouth District, on October 22nd.

Releases and Departures: The following missionaries have been honourably released from their labours in the British Mission and have departed for their homes in America: William Bailey, Welsh and Leeds Districts, Glenn N. Hart, Leeds District and president of Bristol District, Charles E. Shirley, Leeds and Liverpool Districts, released on October 2nd, sailed from Cherbourg, October 29th, aboard the *President Roosevelt*; E. Arnold Goff, Leeds and Birmingham Districts, Albert W. Hormán, Welsh District and president of Nottingham District, Lewis A. Phelps, Scottish, Liverpool and Bristol Districts, G. Dwight Wakefield, London District and Supervisor of British Mission Auxiliaries, released on October 18th, sailed from Cherbourg on October 29th, aboard the *President Roosevelt*; James E. Ball, Liverpool District, Frankiin J. Bradshaw, Liverpool District, and John A. Freestone, Scottish and Newcastle Districts, released on October 29th, sailed from Southampton on October 29th, aboard the *President Roosevelt*.

Branch Conferences: Of the Sparkbrook Branch, Birmingham District, held on October 4th. The conference theme was, "Man's Stewardship." The Saints and their friends felt well repaid for attending. President Orrin W. Astle and Elder Alma B. Knapp were among those present.

Of the Wolverhampton Branch, Birmingham District, held on October 11th. "Our Great Mission," was the conference theme. A wonderful spirit prevailed during the two meetings. The traveling Elders present were: President Orrin W. Astle and Elders O. Sherwin Webb, Glen F. Oliver and Howard S. Widdison.

Of the Nuneaton Branch, Birmingham District, held on October 18th. The theme, "Humility and Prayer," was well portrayed in the morning session of the conference by the saints, who presented a short skit where-in they asked and answered questions. Among those present were: President Orrin W. Astle, and Elders Alma B. Knapp and E. Arnold Goff.

Of the Grimsby Branch, Hull District, held on September 27th. The Sunday School children took active part during the morning session and explained the theme, "Sabbath Day Observance." The same subject was successfully enlarged upon at the evening session. President Thomas A. Lambert, and Elders Ferris H. Allen and Dallas A. Berrett were in attendance.

Of the Batley Branch, Leeds District, held on October 4th. The theme, "Word of Wisdom," was clearly explained in the afternoon meeting by the Sunday School children, and made an appropriate subject for the inspirational session in the evening. President O. Horton Transtrum and Elder Cyril A. Linford were among those in attendance.

Of the Bradford Branch, Leeds District, held on October 11th. During the morning session the children effectively presented the theme, "The Life of Christ." This theme was a fine subject for the evening services, and was well developed to a large audience. President O. Horton Transtrum and Elder Cyril A. Linford were among those present.

Of the Leeds Branch, Leeds District, held on October 18th. The theme, "Thanksgiving," was beautifully presented in the afternoon by the Sunday School children. All those in attendance at the evening services were filled with joy, as a result of the wonderful meeting. Among those in attendance were: Elders Joseph D. McAllister and Cyril A. Linford.

Of the Liverpool Branch, Liverpool District, held on October 4th. At the morning session, the Sunday School children beautifully portrayed the theme, "Make Ready the Way," in song and in verse. The many saints and their friends who attended the evening services felt exceptionally edified by the discourses. Among those present were: President and Sister John A. Widtsoe, President Gordon B. Taylor, and Elders Paul B. Larsen, Arnold D. White, Welden C. Roberts and Milton S. Musser.

Of the Gravesend Branch, London District, held on October 4th. The theme, "For Their Salvation is Necessary and Essential for our Salvation," gave to those in attendance an added incentive to do genealogical work for their dead ancestors who died without hearing the Gospel. Musical items added to the evening's program of enjoyment. President O. Meredith Wilson and Elder Glen T. Dixon were in attendance.

Of the South London Branch, London District, held on October 11th. The officers and teachers bore their testimonies at the officers' session of

the conference. The children and local brethren treated the theme of the conference admirably at the Sunday School session. Counsel and encouragement were given by the speakers regarding genealogical work at the evening services. Those in attendance included, President O. Meredith Wilson, Elders J. Blaine Freestone, Glen T. Dixon and Brother Rowe, of the Brigham Young University. Brother Rowe commented upon the peaceful spirit that was made manifest during the conference.

A CHILD'S PRAYER

HELP ME, dear Father, through this day
 In all I do and all I say ;
 Help me to be gentle, meek and mild,
 As it becomes a little child.

Help me my parents to obey,
 Help me to walk the narrow way ;
 Help me to guard my little tongue,
 And learn to pray while I am young.

ANNIE JOHNSON.

DEATHS

CARTER—Sister Harriet Russell Carter, a member of the Clayton Branch, Leeds District, passed away on October 5th, in her seventy-fourth year. Sister Carter has been very faithful during the short time that she has been a member of the Church. Her loss will be deeply felt by all those who knew her.

SALT—Catherine Salt passed away on September 19th, in her eighty-second year. Sister Salt has been a faithful member of the Hyde Branch, Manchester District, for forty-eight years. Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, under the direction of President Junius E. Driggs. In compliance with one of Sister Salt's last requests the hymn "O My Father" was sung at the graveside. Elder Elbert G. Adamson dedicated the grave.

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